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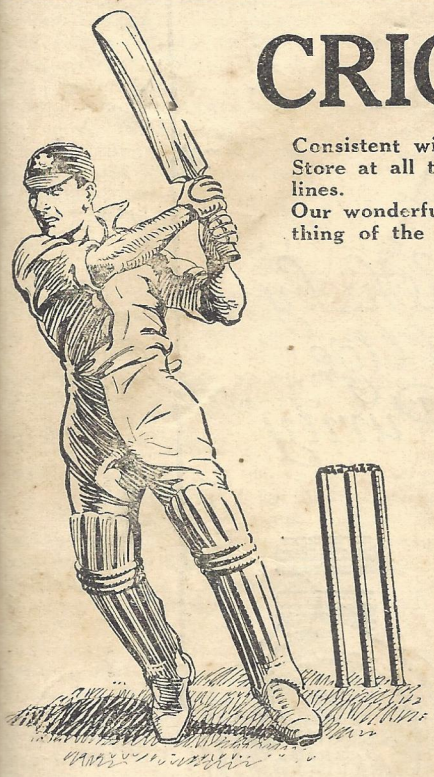

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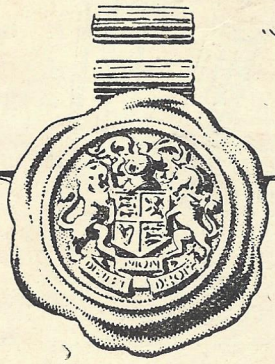

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emiership Final.

Final of the Metropolitan Association Premier- etween Balgownie, the champions of the South and Granville, the Premiers, to be played at dney Cricket Ground No. 2 area, next Satur- eems sure to attract a record crowd. The should develop into a thrilling exposition of ccer code, for both sides are proficient expon- f the fast, open game which delights onlookers. Masters will lead the stalwarts of the South e gladiators of Granville will profit by the ex- ce and knowledge of Alf. Edwards.

nville will require to be at top-hole form to the record of four consecutive captures of rship honors. The inclusion of Mitchell, the South Australian, at right back, provides a ng for some time required in the Clydesiders e. Norman Hill is much more serviceable half-back line than at full-back, and should Waldon and Hele a fair share of the ball.

cessful Innovation.

ybody is agreed that the present method of ting the premiership is an improvement upon stem operating in previous years. Interest various phases of the series is quickened by stem operating obscuring the ultimate winner he final stages. Competitors, in the first are spurred to great efforts in order to secure nor of being declared Minor Premiers. The ent of this position is highly desirable, be- should a bad patch be encounted in the semi- or the final, the safety valve of a Grand Final e disposal of the Minor Premiers should they to challenge. The adoption of this system ccomplished last November, at the rules re- meeting when its sponsors forecasted an un- d success for the scheme. How their pre- s of that period have proved correct by re- s now a matter of history.

Struggle.

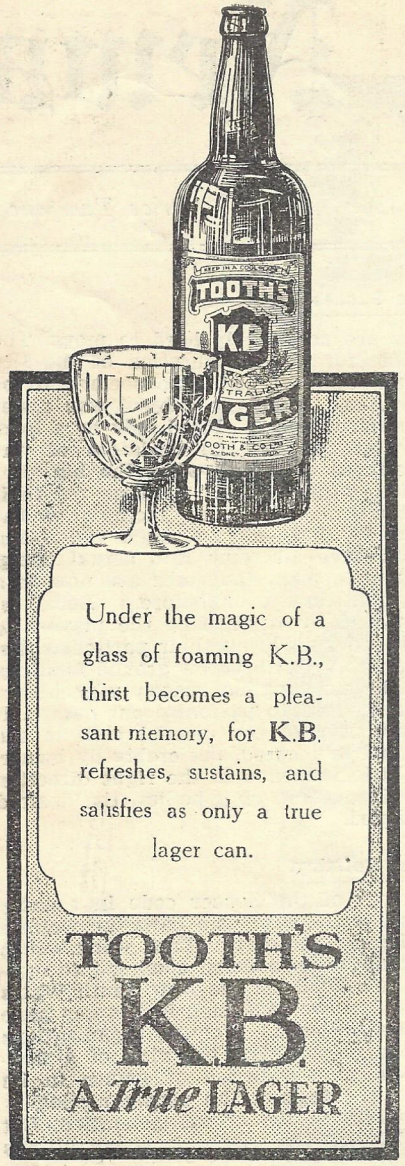
r before in the history of the code has the olitan Premiership been so evenly contested. hout the currency of the games Balgownie, le, Gladesville-Ryde, Canterbury, Annandale- rdt and Corrimal have run neck-and-neck. mewhat remarkable that the leading trio has nced defeat on, at least, four occasions. Gran- ould undoubtedly have put up a wonderful but for the unfortunate incident which re- them from the competition for a period. As he premiers have a really good record in 55 goals whilst their opponents only succeed- otching 17 goals.

District Scheme Success.

Old prejudices are notoriously hard to move. The people responsible for the inauguration of the District System in Sydney at one time seemed to be up against a dead-end when the subject was under discussion two seasons back. Fired only by a laudable desire for progression, the initiators of the system never faltered or wilted when the big guns of the opposition were brought to bear on their citadel—Advancement. The rosy pictures of the future visualised by those men of keen vision and progressive ideas have all come into actual being. Under capable management the clubs are now in a more solid position than ever before. Local interest has functioned by stimulating the players to greater effort in order to bring their particular district into prominence. With better ground facilities there seems to be no tangible reason why bigger crowds canot be induced to patronise our games. It is the paramount duty of the district club to see that a local ground is secured, preferably by ownership. With a little influence in the right direction and aided by residents and civic bodies, the desired end can be achieved.

Expansion in the Country.

The rapid growth of the Soccer code in country areas is encouraging to those who have the welfare of the round-ball game at heart. Each week brings news of a new club or association coming into existence. Truly, the officials of the New South Wales Association have a stupendous task in keeping pace with the codes advancement. Country organisations are naturally keen on securing the visit of a first-class city club to play a series of games in its area. The motive actuating the consummation of this laudable ideal is worthy of commendation. But there are difficulties in the way. It is not always possible for Sydney exponents to secure the necessary leave to make a trip to the country. Nor does the present state of the finances of the Metropolitan Association or its clubs permit of the setting aside of a sum equivalent to liquidating the expenses inseparable from such a tour. Our country friends should not be discouraged by the stringency of Sydney organisations in the matter of financial assistance. City clubs generally are concentrating on securing playing areas calculated to bring sufficient revenue to their coffers to permit of the setting aside of a sum to cover out-of-pocket expenses when sending a team to the country or entertaining a rural club in Sydney. It seems reasonably sure that a country carnival will be inaugurated in Sydney in the near future to determine which district is entitled to the championship.



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PROGRAMME

Metropolitan-Illawarra Knock-out Cup

Granville v. St. George.

At Clyde Oval, 3.15 p.m.

GRANVILLE.

(Black and White.)

E. Atchison

1 Mitchell 2 W. Mace

3 White 4 A. Edwards 5 Hill

6 R. Dunn 7 S. Bourke 8 Clarke 9 E. Waldron

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10 F. Melliar-Smith 9 T. Robson 8 H. Langenberg 7 H. McCa

5 E. Burchett 4 A. Chiswell 3 R. Chiswell

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1 A. Montgomery 2 E. Pont
3 R. Ellis 4 H. Henson 5 J. Bradley
in 7 J. McKay 8 Wright 9 F. Jennings 10 H. Robertson
O
rns 7 Cook 8 Alexander 9 Casley 10 Basterfield
3 Loveridge 4 R. Robinson 5 Stannard
1 Crowhurst 2 Brown
Kellie
CANTERBURY
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es—Gladesville-Ryde, 11 J. Dey, 12 R. Murray
Canterbury, 11 Courtney, 12 McLaren
e—Mr. Harvey (Newcastle). Linesmen—Messrs. Baker and Martin

Northern Suburbs 1st Grade (Final). 1.45 p.m.

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HORNSBY DISTRICT (Royal Blue).
F. Grant
G. Gillett J. Henderson
J. Knox H. Mussett G. Rose
her E. McAlpine E. Whittaker C. Berry F. Long
O
k J. Smith A. Swane G. McAllan J. Heatherington
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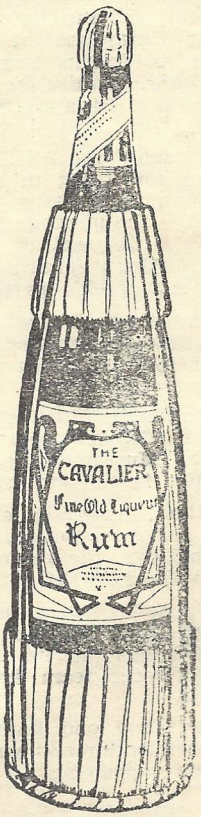

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That the Queensland Association is also likely to adopt the district scheme for next year's activities?

That the meeting of West Wallsend and Adamstown in the final of the Gardiner Cup is expected to knock all previous cup games gates to smithereens?

That Soccer is making wonderful progress amongst the schoolboys in every State, and that in Adelaide there are now 47 school teams engaged in the competitions?

That the Indians who have been invited to come to Australia next year play barefooted?

That the Indians defeated the combined Europeans of Calcutta and that an Indian team toured Burmah, the Straits settlements and Java in 1924 and carried all before it.

That at long last All Jolly Bull has found something to commend Metropolitan Association officials upon; that is the placing of Redfern Oval at the disposal of the progressive Northern Suburbs Association for last week's games.

That everybody is eager to see the Queensland champions in action after their victories over the Welshmen?

That the Maples Hospital Charity Shield Competitions under the control of the Murrumbidgee Asociation is, now in full swing?

That the Annandale-Leichhardt Club will run a competition for the local schoolboys, the games to be played on Ibrox Park?

That the team representing the School for Deaf and Dumb, Newtown, is claimed to be the best schoolboy Soccer team ever seen in Sydney?

That the Deaf and Dumb team won the premiership and scored 113 against its opponents 9 in 14 matches?

That the result of the ballot to obtain the views of the 22 senior clubs of the Sydney, Newcastle, Maitland and Illawarra areas in regard to the State League scheme will shortly be announced?

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That a player canot be off-side direct from a goal-kick?

That a goalkeeper cannot handle the ball outside the penalty area?

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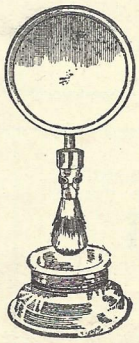

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nt-South Sydney, 4-3.

nal drew with St. George, 2-2.

TROPOLITAN-ILLAWARRA KNOCK-OUT.

wnie beat Thirroul, 3-0.

PRESIDENT'S CUP.

Semi-Finals.

in beat Granville, 4-2.

ont-South-Sydney beat Annan-
-Leichhardt, 3-1.

To-day's Fixtures.

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ille v. St. George, Clyde Oval,

TOOTH CUP.

wnie v. Balmain, Balgownie,

Stop Slipshod Soccer

By Frank Hudspeth.

There's disease in football.

I've noticed it these last few seasons. It's a queer complaint, but the number of footballers who seem to be suffering from it is amazing. And not only footballers, but whole teams are stricken by it. It's a regular plague. Symptoms? Why, people are failing to "finish off" their efforts on the field. Starting a thing and then dropping it before it's finished. Charging off on a new tack before they've worked out the old one to the limit of its usefulness. That's the sort of thing more than fifty per cent. of players are doing these days. And it won't do!

The team that can't "finish." The player who can't go through with a stunt to the end or when he's opposed. Those are football failures. They'll get their exercises, all those sort of people, on Saturday afternoons. They'll maybe do a few good things. But it's no good their dreaming of reaching footer's front rank. Mind you, I'm not talking about juniors or minor football players only. I've noticed this fault right on my doorstep in individuals, and even in one or two sides in the First Division. Of course, people are apt to be like that nowadays. Slipshodness seems to be the thing which is affecting the whole country. But this isn't a political article. This is a football chat, and I'm out to see that we don't get slipshod over our Soccer.

Now, I wonder? Are there many of you keen on carpentry? If so, those chaps will see what I mean very specially in my next remark. A footballer, like a carpenter, should get the feeling that when he starts a thing he must finish it off, round it off neatly. There must be no loose ends, unfinished parts straggling to destroy the whole effect. A carpenter puts a shelf up for use. And he does the thing neatly and securely if he's a good carpenter. A footballer makes a move with the object of scoring a goal. Even if he's not going to do it himself, he means to make it as easy as he can for the next man to go for goal. And this player does his move neatly and well, rounding it off at the end,if he's a good footballer.

A half-finished shelf is useless. A half-finished football move is waste, sheer waste of time. There's only one thing which should interfere with a player's intention on the field of play. And that is the "enemy." Only when he is blocked or tackled (no, that's not a pun about rigging) should a player give up his determined plan. Did I see someone scratch his head. What's the trouble? I'm contradicting what I've said before! I'm sure I'm not.

That's another matter. What I'm objecting to is this trouble in football which causes a man after, say, a brilliant run up the field, feebly to push the ball away from him and let anyone have it who cares to take the trouble to come along and fetch it. Failure to finish. It's a growth, a disease in Soccer. You get it all through the game! There's the goalie who saves brilliantly from a hot bombardment. Shots coming in all round him and he saves the lot. A moment later he fumbles the easiest one of the lot. Can't finish off the job. There are the backs who repel a rapid attack and then miskick the clearance and spoil their work.

There are the halves who rob a forward in clever fashion and then feebly push the ball to one of the opposing second line. There are the forwards who combine in a wonderful run up the field, completely deceiving their opponents; who work themselves into positions which make scoring the easiest thing in the world, and then shoot the ball yards wide of the goal. I said it's a plague, and it's up to the players to cure themselves. So get busy, you chaps. When next season comes along, don't let anyone say of you that you can't "finish."

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At Redfern Oval last Saturday the fate of the W. Scott Fell Challenge Cup was decided on the replay between Roseville and Lane Cove. Lane Cove won by 2-1 after a very hard game with Roseville leading at half time. The late match on the same ground was the 1st grade Premiership draw, Hornsby District v. Sydney Harbour Bridge, the former winning by 1-0, the goal being scored in the first ten minutes of the contest. The Bridge deserved to score but Hornsby's defence again asserted itself and was successful in clearing from many onslaughts on their citadel.

Thus on Saturday Hornsby District and North Sydney Rangers will play off for the 1st Grade Premiership, both teams having obtained 22 points for the Season. The game will be staged as the early fixture at the Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, and will be a great exhibition as these two teams fought out the "Association" Cup Final on the North Sydney Oval on 28th August, Hornsby District winning by 4-0. The Premiership Table below shows how the teams finished in the competition.

Saturday, 11th September.

To-night, in the Town Hall, Chatswood, although the evening of the decision of the recipients of the 1st Grade Medals and "H. Edwards" Premiership Cup, will see the presentation of 30 gold medals and four Cups, to the respective winners by the Members of Parliament ner, Miss Marchant will give ex-Dunbar's Orchestra will be in attendance and the Dance will commence at 8 p.m. sharp. At 9 p.m. the Trophies will be presented and Social items rendered. At 9.45 p.m. dancing will be resumed and at 10 p.m. Mr. Townend and his partner Miss Marchant will give exhibitions of forms of dancing. At 10.15 p.m. Supper will be served in the Supper Room of the Town Hall, and from 10.15 p.m. till midnight dancing will occupy the programme. Whether you dance or not full arrangements have been made for your enjoyment. You should not fail to attend the First Annual Dance of this Association and make it a fitting ending to a very successful football year. Tickets on sale at the Town Hall, Chatswood, when you arrive, and the price is 2/5 each. Plain or Evening Dress as you desire.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting will be held on 7th October, when all present Clubs and intending Clubs will be invited to attend under the rules of the new Constitution to be considered on Thursday. The Officers are preparing the Annual Report and Balance Sheet and hope to have the whole of the business for the year finalised by that date.

1ST GRADE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
N. Sydney Rgrs.	15	10	3	2	62	29	22
Hornsby District	15	11	4	—	46	25	22
Syd. Har. Bridge	15	7	7	1	38	50	15
Roseville . . .	15	6	7	2	39	42	14
Lane Cove . .	15	3	8	4	32	38	10
Crow's Nest . .	15	3	11	1	26	59	7

Persons interested in new Clubs or the activities of the Association in any way are requested to communicate with the Hon. Secretary, Allan Pickering, Room 3, 4th. Floor, 12 Castlereagh Street, Sydney.

Referees as Footballers

The Sydney Referees Association have been invited to visit and play the Newcastle Referees on the 25th September, at Newcastle Headquarters ground.

Chief Will Wright is hoping that a full muster will journey north, to show the 1st. grade Teams, that the coalie's can't have it all their own way. He says they have some good stuff this year, and wants to hold the victory banner for once.

Referees are asked to attend the meetings on the 6th and 20th inst., as vital matters are to be brought forward for consideration.

Protestant Churches A

As predicted—though publ ion was against it—St. towelled Balmain Meth. semi-final of the 2nd Grade Competition. It was a good in which the better team on had the misfortune to lose.

After a very good game Congs. B. towelled Christ by the odd goal in the re the semi-final.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Campsie Pres. meet St. in the late game at Easton and we think that unless the loo boys have more luck than the Campsie boys must win. Ref. Brydie will handle the

In the early game Marr Pres. A. and Croydon Congs. fight for the title of 3rd Grade Premiers and even the black gold team think the Cup will Marrickville. Mr. Ref. Mey act as the knight of the

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Teams and players are obtain tickets from the at once and make this fun success it should be. The Jazette Orchestra has been and an exhibition of dan be given.

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